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Sharon Levy
Board of Supervisors

April 14, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow, Director
CALFED Bay Delta Program
1416 9th Street, Suite 155
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed CALFED Grant Application

Dear Mr. Snow:

On April 13, 1999 the Fresno County Board of Supervisors took action to support the CALFED grant application for the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed Plan.

According to information provided by the Westside Resource Conservation District, the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed (PSCW) located in the counties of Fresno and San Benito contributes large amounts of selenium by way of erosion, sediment movement and flooding to the alluvial fan, the City of Mendota, the Mendota Pool and the San Joaquin River. This CALFED grant application is requesting funds for pilot projects that address this contamination issue. The projects that would be created include re-vegetation along the creek channel, the creation of vegetation filtration strips to protect the stream channel from further erosion and site evaluations of erosion control structures throughout the watershed to control the water flow. This project provides a tremendous opportunity for the CRMP to pursue projects that will allow for some control over the contamination affecting the Mendota Pool and San Joaquin River.

This letter expresses the County's formal support for the grant application submitted by the Westside Resource Conservation District and the Panoche/Silver Creek Watershed Coordinated Resource Management and Planning Program and commends these organizations for their commitments to clean water for the San Joaquin River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon Levy".

Sharon Levy, Chairman
Fresno County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Nettie R. Drake, Coordinator – Panoche/Silver Creek CRMP
Morris A. Martin, Manager – Westside Resource Conservation District